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ANNUAL MEETING

On Thursday, October 23, 2014 the Annual Business Meeting of the Rutland Historical Society was held at the Society at 7:00PM. Reports were given and the annual election of officers and directors was held.

Nominees elected were:

Pres.	Pam Johnson
V.P.	Carolynn Ranftle
Sec.	Yvonne Crossman
Trea.	Randy Brown
Dir. (2 yrs.)	Ben Burdge
Dir. (2 yrs.)	Tom Carpenter
Dir. (2 yrs.)	Ray Mooney
Dir. (1 yr.)	Ted Lindgren.

Continuing Directors are: Ron Hemenway and Michael Messier

At a later board meeting Tom Carpenter was elected Chairman of the Board.

The program was a social recognition of 43 volunteers who made contributions of time to the Society from November 2013 until the Annual Meeting. All were named with a brief acknowledgement of some of their contributions, which were also documented on their name tags. Although most of these volunteers were able to attend and had an opportunity to socialize with other volunteers, about a dozen lived at great distance or had other commitments. The program was an opportunity for all to realize the great range of contributions that go to make up the Society. All seemed to enjoy the opportunity to meet the other volunteers that they had not previously met. (See pages three and four for list.)



ROBERT RANFTLE HONORED

At the Annual Meeting of the Society, President Pam Johnson presented Robert Ranftle an Award of Excellence for his Disaster Recovery Planning effort and his Society Basement Inventory and Management.

SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

On Saturday, September 27th the Rutland Railway Association held their third annual train show at the Holiday Inn. The Society had a table where computers and viewing monitors demonstrated the Society website, the digitized version of Rutland in Retrospect and the newly digitized Rutland Railroad Newsliner. Society members Doreen McCullough, Jim Davidson and Carolynn Ranftle manned the table and the computers.

The Columbus Day weekend sale at the Society was very successful. Over \$1400 was added to the Society's accounts thanks to the generous contribution of sale items by members.

“HISTORICALLY SPEAKING” ON CHANNEL 15 IN RUTLAND

The Society produces a new program each month. The series includes interviews and historical pictorial material in a rather flexible TV magazine format. The programs can be seen Wednesdays at 4:00 PM, Thursdays at 1:30 PM, and Fridays at 7:30 PM. DVDs of past episodes can be obtained from Rutland Regional Community Television, 1 Scale Avenue, Suite 108, Rutland, VT 05701-4460. They are \$10 for each episode. Make checks payable to RRCT. Include \$2.50 for shipping and handling. Personal pickup is available. Call (802) 747-0151 for further information. Consult the Society website (rutlandhistory.com) for a complete listing of past shows.

To watch the current or previous episode of “Historically Speaking” in streaming video on your computer: (1) go to the Society website (rutlandhistory.com), (2) click on “Historically Speaking,” and (3) click on the second paragraph which will link you to the Video On Demand Library on the PEG-TV website. In the search box at the top of the video player, type in “Historically Speaking” then click on the magnifying glass button to the right. You should get a choice of the two most recent programs.

Episode # 136 – Gouger Hill – Guest William Powers was the author of a Quarterly entitled “Tales from Gouger Hill.” It was known that Irish alcohol-fueled activities in the area led to the naming of Gouger Hill. What Bill and his fellow researchers uncovered is that there was a real character named “Gouger” McDonough. The McDonough Family story and other tales of Gouger Hill are reviewed in this program. Jim Davidson hosts the program.

Episode # 137 – An Awards Celebration – Three Society members were invited to share the story of their state-wide or national awards that were recently received within weeks of each other. Ben Burdge and Carolyn Ranftle won awards from the Vermont League of Historical Societies & Museums. Michael F. Dwyer was named a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. The awards of each were celebrated in a full ranging discussion program. Jim Davidson hosts the program.

FACEBOOK LINK

The Rutland Historical Society has had a Facebook page for some time. Now if you go to the Society website (rutlandhistory.com) in the “What’s New” section you will find a quick and easy link to the Society Facebook page. At the top of the Facebook page, if you click on “Photos,” you will find a great number of them. There are numerous small bits of interesting information here to explore.

COMMITTEE CORNER

President

Pam Johnson – 775-7074

Board Chairperson

Tom Carpenter – 773-3626

Curator

Jim Davidson – 773-7525

Membership Secretary

Robert Perkins – 773-0184

Society Historian

Mary Segale – 773-2326

Chairpersons:**Collections Committee**

Ron Hemenway – 775-6581

**Human Resources
Committee**

Pam Johnson – 775-7074

Program Committee

Jim Davidson – 773-7525

Publications Committee

Jake Sherman – 775-2784

Research Committee

Rosemary Bradley –
773-9411

Website Committee

Doreen McCullough –
776-5232

VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL MEETING

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George Bradley – Outgoing Board Director; Rosemary Bradley – Outgoing Secretary, Research Committee Chair; Randy Brown – Incoming Treasurer, Outgoing Board Chairman, member of Research Committee; Ben Burdge – Board Director, Producer of “Virtual Walking Tour”; Tom Carpenter – Incoming Board Director and Outgoing Treasurer, Collections Committee Chair, member of Disaster Recovery Planning Committee; Yvonne Crossman – Incoming Secretary; Susan Crowther – Yearbook Scanning; Helen Davidson – Member of Human Resources and Publication Committees; Jim Davidson – Curator, Program Committee Chair, Member of Collections, Publications, Disaster Recovery Planning, Library Partnership and Web Committees; Lloyd Davis – Outgoing Board Director; Doris Farenkopf – Yearbook Scanning Organizer; Mary Fregosi – Quarterly Author; Jon Furman – Yearbook Scanning; Kitty Furman – Yearbook Scanning; Clifford Giffin – Digitization Ad Hoc Committee Chair, member of Library Partnership and Human Resources Committees; Ron Hemenway – Board Director, member of Collections and Human Resources Committees; Angela Hinchey – Scanning Project and Flower Garden; Maggie Johnson – Member of Collections Committee; Pam Johnson – President, Human Resources Chair and member of Collections Committee; Brian Justin – Clock repair; Michelle Kaufman (*Continued on page 4*).

From the Membership Secretary

Is it time to renew?

Please check the date above your name on the mailing label.

If the date on your label is 2013 or earlier your grace period has expired and this is the last Quarterly you will receive unless you renew by January 31, 2015.

If the date on your label is 2014, your dues for 2015 are now due. Please use the membership form on this page.

If the date on your label is 2015 or later, your dues are up to date. Thank you.

Please note the spot on the form for a donation beyond the dues. Please help as much as you can.

Rutland Historical Society – Membership Form
96 Center Street, Rutland, VT 05701-4023
Phone: 802-775-2006

First Name Last Name

Street Address or Post Office Box

City or Town State ZIP Code

Phone (optional) Email address (optional)

\$8 Student \$8 Senior (62+) \$10 Regular
\$20 Contributor \$50 Sponsor
\$200 Life (Individual only)

If making an additional donation,
please check here and enter the donation amount.

Second Person at same address (if any). No additional
fee. (Not available for Student or Lifetime member-
ships.)

VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL MEETING

(Continued from page 3)– Member of Collections Committee and Scanning Projects; Mickey Kelly – Tidbits Column and member of Research Committee; Ted Lindgren – Incoming Board Director; Scott Ludwig – Web Tech Support; Karlene Marro – Yearbook Scanning; Doreen McCullough – Web Committee Chair and member of Digitization Committee; Scott McVeigh – Yearbook Scanning; Mike Messier – Board Director; Ray Mooney – Incoming Board Director; William Notte – Newsletter Editor; Bob Perkins – Membership Secretary; Patty Pickett – Member of Research and Web committees; Bill Powers – Quarterly Author and member of

Research and Program Committees; Bob Ranftle – Quarterly Author and Disaster Recovery Planning Committee Chair; Carolyn Ranftle – Vice President, member of Collections, Disaster Recovery Planning and Library Partnership Committees; Fred Remington – Tidbits Column, Newspaper Project; Karen Sanborn – Member of Web Committee; Mary Segale – Nominations Committee Chair; Michael Seward – Consulting; Jake Sherman – Quarterly Author and Publications Committee Chair; Mo Tucker – Newspaper Clippings Project, Member of Refreshment Committee; Pat Tucker – Member of Nominations Committee and Refreshment Committee; David Zsido – CVPS Materials Project.

MAJOR AWARDS

Three of the Society's volunteer members recently received state-wide or national major recognition within weeks of each other.

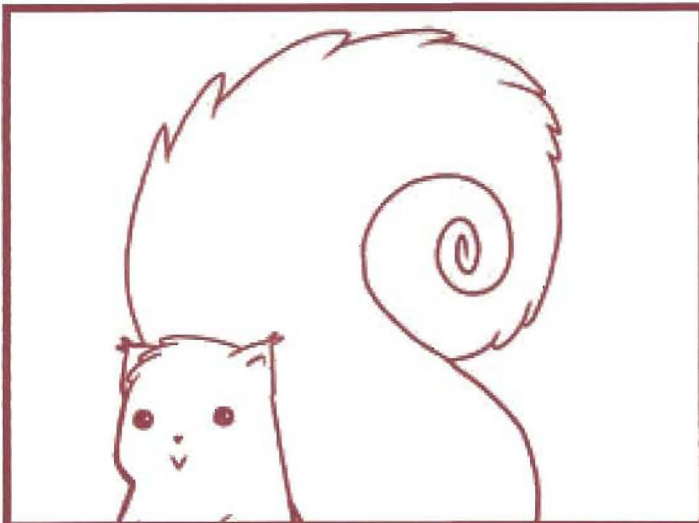
Ben Burdge received an award of merit for his production of a 50 minute virtual walking tour of the two historic districts in Rutland City. This can be viewed on the Society website.

Carolynn Ranftle won an achievement award for her work on cataloging the Society's collections and producing a Finding Guide which can also be found on the Society website. This award also recognized her organizational work as a past president.

These two awards were made by the Vermont League of Historical Societies & Museums.

Michael F. Dwyer was named a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists by this prestigious organization. There are only 50 fellows in the organization. Michael was one of two recently named fellows. He also is the first fellow from the state of Vermont. The award recognizes his many contributions in the field of genealogy.

**THE FACILITIES OF THE RUTLAND
HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARE OPEN ON:
MONDAYS 6-9 PM •
SATURDAYS 1-4 PM**



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NEW PUBLICATION

The Rutland Railroad published a company magazine called the Rutland Newsliner from 1952 to 1960. The Rutland Historical Society is fortunate to have a complete set of all nine volumes. This collection has been digitized by the Society on disc and is now available for \$10.00.